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## ***WESTLY COMMENTS ON SENATE BUDGET VOTE***

**Sacramento, June 24, 2003** – State Controller Steve Westly made the following comment today after the Senate failed to pass a budget. The vote was 24-14 along party lines in favor of the budget bill, with 27 votes needed for passage.

"Today's partisan budget vote in the Senate is disappointing. Wall Street and the nation are looking to California to find bipartisan solutions to our budget troubles and time is running short. If we don't have a budget I will be forced to stop paying community colleges, contractors and many others. This would be a tragedy for the state."

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